(c) to (e) During the period from 1-4-1989 to 31-3-1991, 71 incidents of fire took place. 43 persons lost their lives. A sum of Rs. 63,40,686/- was disbursed amongst the fire victims as per the details given below:

Year	*Amount*
1989—90 —	35,19,136/-
1990—91 -	28,21,550/-

Benefits to Coconut Growers

364. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vegetable seeds declared as oilseeds,

(b) the benefits given to farmers growing oilseeds;

(c) whether coconut growers are getting all the benefits that are given to farmers growing oilseeds;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits are passed on to coconut growers also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Nine

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme being operated in 18 States covering 319 districts specific financial assistance is made available to State Governments/ I.C.A.R for giving benefit to farmers on basic key inputs like seed, plant protection measures, State demonstration/frontline demonstration by ICAR, improved farming implements, minikits containing seeds and seed treating chemicals, etc. 100% grant-in-aid is given to ICAR for breeder seed production frontline demonstration and production of foundation seeds to States. In the other components the pattern of financial assistance is on a 75:25 basis between the Government of India and the States.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Coconut Development Board is already implementing certain schemes for the benefit of Coconut growers. Government are now taking steps to confer benefits to Coconut growers under the Technology Mission on Oilseeds.

Construction of Fishing Harbours in Kerala

365. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Fishing Harbour projects in Kerala cleared so far under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme;

(b) the progress made so far in the construction of these projects; and

(c) the total Central Assistance provided to those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) A Statement is given below

STATEMENT

(*Rs in lakhs*)

Sl. No.	*Fishery Harbour*	*Progress*	*Central assistance released*
1	Neendakara	100%	292.50
2	Vizhinjam	75%	529.43
3	Puthiappa	85%	120 00
4	Thangassery	5%	90.00
5	Munambam	10%	22.5